

Remarks/Arguments

This application has been carefully considered in connection with the Examiner's Action.

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

The specification has been amended to recite that this application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/061,959 rather than a Divisional application as inadvertently stated by the Applicants in the Preliminary Amendment dated June 27, 2003. In support of this amendment, the Examiner's attention is directed to Applicants' *Utility Patent Application Transmittal* (Form PTO/SB/05) which clearly indicates that this application was intended to be a Continuation of Ser. No. 10/061,959.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. More specifically, as amended herein, the Abstract of the Disclosure is now in narrative form, limited to a single paragraph within the range of 50 to 150 words, contains no legal phraseology, is clear and concise, does not repeat information given in the title and avoids phrases which can be implied. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the Applicants have amended the Abstract of the Disclosure to conform to the requirement set forth in Paragraph 3 of the Office Action dated July 19, 2005.

Claims 26-28 stand *provisionally* rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 23-25, 29-31, 53 and 58-61 of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Ser. No. 10/609,323 and Claims 26-28 and 60-64 of co-pending U.S. Patent Ser. No. 10/607,785, respectively. In response, the Applicants submit herewith a first Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal part of Serial No. 10/609,323 and a second Terminal Disclaimer which disclaims the terminal part of Serial No. 10/607,785. It is submitted

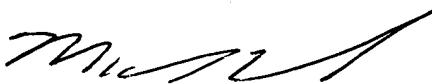
that the enclosed Terminal Disclaimers are both timely filed and fully comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c). It is further submitted that, by filing the enclosed Terminal Disclaimers, the provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection of Claims 26-28 has been overcome. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the provisional rejection of Claims 26-28 and the allowance of the claims.

Two checks for \$65 each to cover the Terminal Disclaimer fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) is enclosed herewith. It is believed that, apart from the Terminal Disclaimer fees referenced herein, there are no other fees due in connection with this communication. However, in the event that there are additional fees associated with this communication, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1515.

This application is now in condition for allowance. A prompt Notice to that effect is, therefore, earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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